

To the Honourable the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses in  
the Commons House of PARLIAMENT Assembled.

*The Humble Petition of GILES THORNBURGH  
of the Parish of St. Nicholas in Guildford, in the County  
of Surrey, Clerk,*

*Humbly sheweth,*

**T**HAT your Petitioner is, and for several years last past hath been Rector and Incumbent of the said Parish, lawfully Instituted and Inducted, and hath had, and received Tythe of all sorts of Corn and Grain, and of all other Tytheable matters and things renewing and increasing within the said Parish, or satisfactory composition for the same for all the time aforesaid; As also all his Predecessors, Rectors of the said Parish, have done time out of mind; until that about two years since, *Charles Bonithan Esq;*, a Member of this Honourable House, being appointed among others, a Trustee for the Receiving the Rents of a great quantity of Lands lying in the said Parish, called the *Park-Lands*, forbid the Farmers and Occupiers of the said Lands, to pay the Tythe of the Corn and Grain growing on the said Lands, to the Petitioner: And it is so far proceeded at Law, that the Cause is ready for Argument in the Court of *Common-Pleas* upon a Demurrer. But the said Mr. *Bonithan*, as your Petitioner is informed, insists on his Priviledg of Parliament; So that your Petitioner dares not proceed in the said Suit, for fear of the displeasure of this Honourable House: By means whereof your Petitioners proceedings are delayed, and his just dues withheld for the two years now last past, To the utter impoverishing your Petitioner, and his Wife and Children, the Tythes growing on the said Lands, being the greatest part of the Tythe belonging to the said Parish.

*May it please your Honours, the Premises considered, and for that the said Mr. Bonithan hath not, nor doth not pretend to any Title to the said Land in his own Right (and is only a Trustee as aforesaid) to give your Petitioner leave to proceed at Law against the Tenants and Occupiers of the said Lands, for the Recovery of the Tythes due for two Years last past.*

And your Petitioner shall ever pray, &c.